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The Los Angeles Times this week reported on the sad case of an 85-year-old veteran man who lost a home, which after a lifetime of work and savings he owned free and clear, because of a wholly avoidable series of problems related to a single delinquent property tax bill. In this situation, there was apparently no one to help him sort out some initial confusion over a bill until, tragically, it was too late and the law had moved forward to auction off his home.

I believe that this Board should take all necessary steps to assist property-owning seniors and others with special needs to meet their property tax obligations in a timely way to avoid a similar fate. It should not happen to anyone.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector to work with the County's Area Agency on Aging and the Department of Consumer Affairs to develop recommendations and report back to the Board within 14 days on ways to improve County policies regarding the collection of delinquent property tax bills from seniors and others with special needs who might require assistance in understanding and meeting their tax obligations before their homes or other property are placed in jeopardy.

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